HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 627

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ken Howell on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Ken Howell is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction for ten years as the board chairman for First Freedom Bank; and

WHEREAS, one of the founders of First Freedom Bank and a forty-year veteran of banking, Mr. Howell has been a leader in business and a major contributor to Wilson County throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, despite his retirement, Mr. Howell continues to be an active and important part of his community and his profession, serving as a board member of Shenandoah Mills, Inc., and the chairman emeritus for the board of directors of First Freedom Bank; and

WHEREAS, Ken Howell was also named Lifetime Member #23 of the Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, where he formerly served as board chairman in 1995. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the organization of the chamber's business and education coalition, which has contributed more than $190,000 in teacher grants throughout Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howell exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Ken Howell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Wilson County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Ken Howell our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.